

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 3, lines 6-9, replace with the following paragraphs:

~~Fig. 6 is a cross section view~~ Figs. 6A and 6B are cross section views showing the variable valve event and lift mechanism at a low lift condition (B-B cross section view of Fig. 3).

~~Fig. 7 is a cross section view~~ Figs. 7A and 7B are cross section views showing the variable valve event and lift mechanism at a high lift condition (B-B cross section view of Fig. 3).